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PATENT APPLICATION

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of:)
NOBUYUKI MATSUMOTO ET AL.) Examiner: Not Yet Assigned
Application No.: 09/944,137✓) Group Art Unit: 2852
Filed: September 4, 2001)
For: LIQUID DISCHARGE HEAD,)
LIQUID DISCHARGE)
APPARATUS, VALVE)
PROTECTION METHOD OF)
THE SAME LIQUID DISCHARGE)
HEAD AND MAINTENANCE)
SYSTEM) December 14, 2001

Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT

Sir:

In compliance with the duty of disclosure under 37 C.F.R. § 1.56 and in accordance with the practice under 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.97 and 1.98, the Examiner's attention is directed to the documents listed on the enclosed Form PTO-1449. Copies of the listed documents are also enclosed.

The concise explanation of relevance for the non-English documents can be found in the enclosed English abstracts corresponding to the cited documents.

The Examiner's attention is also directed to the following U.S. Applications:

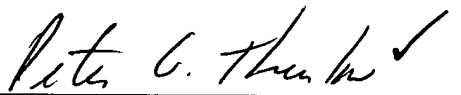
<u>APPLICATION NO.</u>	<u>FILING DATE</u>	<u>GROUP ART UNIT</u>
09/625,845	7/26/00	2853

A copy of the cited Application is enclosed.

It is respectfully requested that the above information be considered by the Examiner and that a copy of the enclosed Form PTO-1449 be returned indicating that such information has been considered.

Applicants' undersigned attorney may be reached in our New York office by telephone at (212) 218-2100. All correspondence should continue to be directed to our address given below.

Respectfully submitted,



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